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Cuban Says Castro A Nixon-Era Target

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LONDON, May 20—An attempt was made on the life of Cuban leader Fidel Castro during the administration of Richard Nixon, Cuban Deputy Premier Carlos Rafael Rodriguez said here today.

Rodriguez was asked about press reports of CIA activity in Cuba.

"There have been more than 50 attempts on the life of Fidel Castro," he responded.

Asked if an attempt was made during the Nixon administration, he said: "Yes—less than five years ago—during the Nixon administration of course but also under Johnson . . ."

Rodriguez did not elaborate.